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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONIn the Specification:

Please replace the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS paragraph commencing on page 1 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to co-pending divisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[ \_\_\_\_\_ ]] 11/047,066, filed on [[ \_\_\_\_\_ ]] January 31, 2005 (~~Atty. Docket No. MS177851.02/MSFTP954USA~~), entitled, "METHODS, TOOLS, AND INTERFACES FOR THE DYNAMIC ASSIGNMENT OF PEOPLE TO GROUPS TO ENABLE ENHANCED COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION,"[[,]] co-pending divisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[ \_\_\_\_\_ ]] 11/047,130, filed on [[ \_\_\_\_\_ ]] January 31, 2005 (~~Atty. Docket No. MS177851.03/MSFTP954USB~~), entitled, "METHODS, TOOLS, AND INTERFACES FOR THE DYNAMIC ASSIGNMENT OF PEOPLE TO GROUPS TO ENABLE ENHANCED COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION,"[[,]] co-pending divisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[ \_\_\_\_\_ ]] 11/047,318, filed on [[ \_\_\_\_\_ ]] January 31, 2005 (~~Atty. Docket No. MS177851.04/MSFTP954USC~~), entitled, "METHODS, TOOLS, AND INTERFACES FOR THE DYNAMIC ASSIGNMENT OF PEOPLE TO GROUPS TO ENABLE ENHANCED COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION,"[[,]] co-pending divisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[ \_\_\_\_\_ ]] 11/047,228, filed on [[ \_\_\_\_\_ ]] January 31, 2005 (~~Atty. Docket No. MS177851.05/MSFTP954USD~~), entitled, "METHODS, TOOLS, AND INTERFACES FOR THE DYNAMIC ASSIGNMENT OF PEOPLE TO GROUPS TO ENABLE ENHANCED COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION,"[[,]] co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/809,142, filed March 15, 2001, entitled, "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING AND ESTABLISHING PREFERRED MODALITIES OR CHANNELS FOR

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COMMUNICATIONS BASED ON PARTICIPANTS' PREFERENCES AND CONTEXTS,"[[,]] co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/982,306, filed on October 17, 2001, entitled, "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING AND ESTABLISHING PREFERRED MODALITIES OR CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATION BASED ON PARTICIPANTS' PREFERENCES AND CONTEXTS,"[[,]] co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/281,547, filed on October 28, 2002, entitled, "SYSTEM FOR PERFORMING CONTEXT-SENSITIVE DECISIONS ABOUT IDEAL COMMUNICATION MODALITIES CONSIDERING INFORMATION ABOUT CHANNEL RELIABILITY,"[[,]] co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/281,718, filed on October 28, 2002, entitled, "SYSTEM AND METHODS ENABLING A MIX OF HUMAN AND AUTOMATED INITIATIVES IN THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICATION POLICIES,"[[,]] co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/187,078, filed on June 28, 2002, entitled, "METADATA SCHEMA FOR INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS,"[[,]] and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/281,546, filed on October 28, 2002, entitled, "REPRESENTATION, DECISION MODELS, AND USER INTERFACE FOR ENCODING MANAGING PREFERENCES, AND PERFORMING AUTOMATED DECISION MAKING ABOUT THE TIMING AND MODALITIES OF INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS."